

## Injunction Effort Fails

### City Seeks To Halt Utility Sale; PEPCO Views It As Consummated

While over 30 Potomac Electric Power Company crew-men prowled the city installing meters, the city council met in special session Saturday afternoon to determine a method of stopping the sale of the local electric utility by Public Housing Administration to Pepco.

The council heard City Manager Charles McDonald report the legal opinion from absent city solicitor Ralph Powers; *no injunction*.

After three weeks of investigation, Powers held that Commissioner John T. Egan of PHA was within his rights to sell the power utility to Pepco, in no violation of Public Law 65, which defines the method of disposal of the "Green towns."

Meanwhile, the manager was instructed to direct the solicitor to examine the contract between PHA and Pepco for any irregularities.

At the time, there was still doubt if a contract had actually been signed; only the presence of meter-installers in the city indicated that the sale may have been consummated. (According to Lastner, Egan had told reporters that "he did not remember if he signed the contract of sale to Pepco or not — he had signed so many papers Christmas Eve.")

McDonald said the injunction was not too pressing at this time; any illegality that turns up later can be the basis for a lawsuit that would revert the situation to its present status.

Mayor Frank Lastner stated that he felt the sale was still "illegal" despite Powers' interpretation, and condemned PHA for ignoring the community since 1949 on this vital issue.

"We may still have an ace in the hole," McDonald declared. "Pepco is aware that eventually they must ask us for a franchise to operate the utility, and we can impose a franchise fee that would be to our distinct advantage." "Even if we were given an opportunity to bid on the utility," he added, "our estimates and proposals would be public property and might jeopardize placing a secret bid."

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## Panagoulis Warns Parents On BB Guns

Ten youngsters from the District and nearby Maryland and Virginia were hospitalized by eye accidents from BB guns, Chief of Police George Panagoulis was informed by the D. C. Society for the Prevention of Blindness this week. Most of the children lost sight in the damaged eye — many of them lost the eye itself, the society added.

Panagoulis was urged to warn parents about the responsibility of protecting their children from shooting toys, to alert local officers to the danger from these junior weapons, and to emphasize enforcement of any legislation the city has regarding them. Many BB guns have been given to children as Christmas gifts, and some damage to city lights and local windows has been committed in the past week, Panagoulis added.

Local ordinances forbid the shooting of BB guns in the city boundaries, except under supervision of an adult at the Greenbelt rifle range. Although the local Izaak Walton League is conducting classes in the proper handling and shooting of the air rifles, many children have been observed carrying BB guns in the community. Panagoulis warned parents that rifles will be confiscated if used in violation of local ordinances.

## PEPCO Crews Install Meters

With apparent haste to complete the job before January 1, about 30 crew-men from the Potomac Electric Power Company invaded Greenbelt last Saturday to install meters for every home. About ten company pick-up trucks and equipment were moving about the city, and some were warned by police to obey traffic regulations.

With no apparent authority Pepco proceeded on the basis that they already had purchased the utility from the federal government; however, PHA and Pepco officials could not be reached to affirm the sale because of the holiday weekend.

Conversation with one foreman disclosed that he would rather have waited until after the year to start installations, as many crew-men are on vacation. He voiced displeasure at working on a weekend but could not refuse, being on a monthly salary. Asked what he thought about the city council's attitude about the sale, the foreman expressed bewilderment. He declared that Pepco was indifferent as to whom owned the utility, and could supply power to the city at a wholesale rate just as conveniently.

He added that Pepco was in the power business and he felt it could supply electricity to the city residents far cheaper than the city. Many cities and small estates that supplied their own power before had invited Pepco to supply electricity as it was cheaper that way.

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PAUL M. CAMPBELL

— Photo by Vitarelli Studio, Pittsburgh.

## Fire Damage Reaches \$500

Smoke poured from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Keys at 48-A Ridge Saturday afternoon when a short circuit in the electric wire of a sewing machine caused a fire in the living room.

No one was home at the time of the fire and Greenbelt's volunteer fire department under the direction of Fire Chief Albert S. Attick quickly doused the smoldering flames.

Fire damage was estimated to be \$250 to the house and about \$250 in personal effects.

The Keys' next-door neighbor, Mrs. John Katz, said she had smelled the smoke for about half an hour before realizing that it might be a fire nearby. She ran outside, saw smoke pouring through an upstairs window of the Keys' house, and immediately called the fire department.

The burning was confined to a small area of the living room. The metal base of the sewing machine had been resting on the electric cord and apparently, Attick said, had worn through the insulation resulting in a short circuit which caused the fire. The machine had dropped through the console to the floor and a small sofa had caught

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— Photo by Lois Jean Stitt  
Smoke pours from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Keys, 48-A Ridge, as firemen prepare their equipment to fight the blaze. The fire, which did not spread beyond the living room, was quickly brought under control.

## Change Effective Jan. 1

### GVHC Takes Title To Greenbelt; Operations Staff Ready To Start

Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation bought most of Greenbelt from the Federal Government yesterday for a sales price of \$6,285,450 for housing and \$670,800 for undeveloped land.

Title changed hands with the signing of settlement documents in the Public Housing Administration in Washington and with the payment by check of downpayments in the amount of ten percent of the total sales price.

## Job A "Challenge" To New Manager

By Carolyn R. Miller

When Paul M. Campbell takes over as manager of Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation on January 12 he will bring to his job a background not only of eleven years in public housing management but an acquaintance with the ideas and planning which went into Greenbelt and a familiarity with cooperatives.

Accompanying Campbell on his visit to Greenbelt this weekend to confer with his new employers was his wife, here to get a good look at the community to which she will move in the early spring.

In talking with a Cooperator reporter, Campbell estimated his job as general manager of GVHC to be a "real challenge" and different from his public housing experience.

However, he knows well the ideas behind the planning of Greenbelt from his experience in working for Major John O. Walker and other federal housing men who directed much of the planning of Greenbelt.

Campbell's job for the Resettlement and Farm Security Administrations was as manager of another experimental project in western Pennsylvania from 1934 to 1941.

It was a subsistence homestead development known as Westmoreland Homesteads which later changed its post office name to "Norvelt" for Eleanor Roosevelt.

The project was planned to relieve the condition of unemployed

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## Madden Tops Million In 3rd Record Year

Anthony M. Madden, local representative of the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, has done it again. In 1952, for the third successive year, he has written over a million dollars in life insurance protection. Only one other Farm Bureau agent has reached the coveted million-dollar goal, and he achieved it for only one year.

The Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company is the largest member of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A. and the second largest mutual insurer of automobiles in the country. The Companies have over 3,000 agents, and Madden is writing about twice as much life insurance as any of his fellow workers.

Tall, quiet and gracious, Madden is anything but a "high-pressure" salesman. When asked how he manages to run up such spectacular records, he has a simple explanation. "I have never tried to break a record," he says. "I believe in the protection that insurance brings to my friends and neighbors, and in the strength and public service motives of the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. I try to suggest to each of my policyholders the kind and amount of insurance he really needs, and no

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Signing for GVHC were the president, Michael Salzman, the treasurer, Thomas Ritchie, and the secretary, Bruce Bowman.

PHA retains title to the apartments in old Greenbelt and the commercial properties.

Directors of GVHC discussed at their Monday night meeting the ways and means of effecting the changeover January 1 as smoothly as possible. Salzman said that every effort would be made to take care of the residents' needs efficiently and was confident that with their cooperation the staff could do the job.

It was announced that David Kane will be the maintenance superintendent for GVHC as he has been for PHA.

## Where To Pay

A flyer planned for distribution by GVHC today will inform members that their monthly payments may be made in the present PHA office but that checks should be made out to GVHC. PHA has made office space available to the mutual organization for collection purposes for a period of up to ninety days at no charge.

Ritchie expressed regret that it was not possible to mail individual letters to all residents but explained that the pressure of work in the office has made that impossible.

The pressure is on all the board members too. Ritchie is getting the office and accounting equipment ready for accepting payments and keeping track of the financial end of the organization. Ed Burgoon is in charge of taking inventories of oil and equipment GVHC is purchasing from PHA. Ralph Webster, as chairman of the management committee, has been working on leave regulations for new employees. Bernard Bordenet prepared the budget for 1953, and Elliott Bukzin currently has completed a check of the town property lines.

## PHA Personnel Retained

Personnel committee chairman Nat Shinderman announced that GVHC has employed the following maintenance personnel of PHA: Thomas Faulconer, Carroll Henson, Oscar Zoellner, Burnell Benning, J. F. J. Brown, Charles Cookson, Willis C. Peel, Oliver Surface, Giles Walton, Guy Miller, Oswald Smith, Robert Bell, Earl Hampton, John McLaughlin, Neville Torbert, John D. Anderson, William Aitchison, William Conway, Lee Fulton, James Lizear, A. E. St. Clair.

## New Councilman Takes Office

James C. Smith was sworn in Saturday as a council member by Mayor Frank J. Lastner at a special session of the city council.

Smith was elected by the council to fill the unexpired term of Steve Comings who resigned upon moving from Greenbelt.

The new councilman thanked the council for its confidence in him and expressed his "sincere interest in the community and its affairs". He assured the council of his willingness to cooperate in working for the city's welfare.



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## Greenbelt Sold

Since the first scare headline in 1945, "Greenbelt to be Sold," a group of Greenbelters has worked steadfastly to put over a plan for mutual ownership by the residents.

Despite almost every imaginable obstacle the job has been done.

The leadership has changed to some extent; men who worked hard in the earlier years have long since left Greenbelt. Some few have carried on actively since the beginning, Thomas B. Ritchie, present treasurer of Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, having the longest record. Mike Salzman succeeded Sherrod East as president when it became necessary to have a board composed of veterans, and at the same time Bruce Bowman became secretary. These three men have carried the biggest load for the longest time.

Whether we like mutual housing for Greenbelt or not, and who can say how it will work out, the leadership has responded to the will of the members, and has secured the financing and negotiated successfully to take title this week to all of Greenbelt including the undeveloped land, with the exception of the apartment buildings in old Greenbelt and the commercial properties. It is a tremendous achievement.

We feel that the successive boards have not been above criticism. Some of their methods have been dictatorial. Probably their actions have not always reflected the wishes of a majority of Greenbelt residents. But they have worked steadily without pay and without self-interest for what they and GVHC members believe to be the best interests of Greenbelt.

Their goal has been a Greenbelt owned by the residents and not exploited for profit; a Greenbelt developed as the original planners meant it to be, a demonstration of cooperative living at its best.

It is our opportunity in the New Year to work together to make the vision a reality. We are partners in a great adventure.

## Review Of The Year

By George Reeves

### JANUARY

The Cooperator ushers in the year with a community dance. - Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. announces that 1951 Christmas business was at record high. Harry Zubkoff takes leave of absence from editorship of Cooperator in order to become a father for the second time. Janice Solet becomes editor.

Legion requests liquor license. GCS board authorizes esthetic and functional improvements in supermarket, and considers problem of land ownership if entire city is sold by PHA. - July 1 is deadline for sale of the town to Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation. After April 2 non-residents can become shareholders. - City is negotiating for ownership of utilities.

Tom, Dale, and Dennis White win 6 of 11 swimming events at American University YMCA meet. Newly organized Lions Club plans dinner at which charter will be granted.

### FEBRUARY

Fire breaks out at Center School, 4 p.m. One room ruined, no one hurt. - Cub Scout Pack 229 receives charter. - Funds for kindergarten omitted from city budget after conferences between PHA and city officials. - Board of Deacons of Community Church opposes liquor license for American Legion.

Brotherhood Week celebrated with participation of numerous organizations. - Protests made against elimination of kindergarten from budget.

Fifty mothers attend city council meeting to demand reinstatement of funds for kindergarten. - GVHC board reelects Mike Salzman president. Other officers: Adelbert Long, vice-president; Bruce Bow-

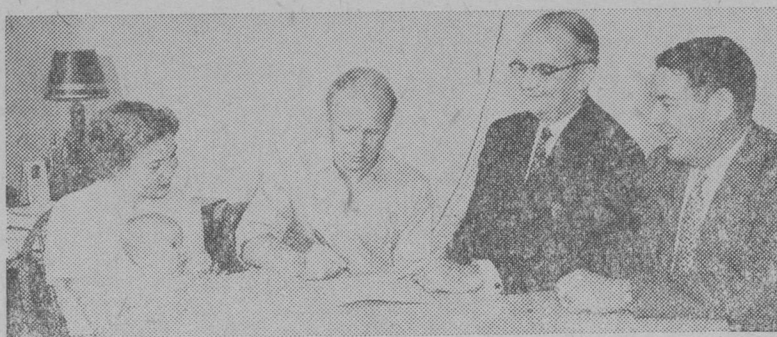
man, secretary; Tom Ritchie, treasurer. - Residents "sobered" by announcement of probable rent increase for those not buying houses.

### MARCH

Fourteen-year history of Greenbelt Cooperator broadcast by station WCFM. - GCS members at "streamlined" meeting increase capitalization to \$550,000, change fiscal year to begin February 1 instead of January 1, defeat motion to turn Takoma branch loose as separate society. Zubkoff, Solomon, Bierwagen, Arntz, Bickling, Walter, Winegarden, Schwimmer, and Davidsen elected directors. Deadline for residents to exercise option to buy homes extended from April 1 to April 30. - Dog bites child at 2-G Plateau Place. - American Legion membership survey shows 97% prefer renting to buying homes in Greenbelt.

PHA Commissioner John T. Egan reassures doubting citizens that Greenbelt will be sold, if not to GVHC then to some other purchaser; and that rents will be raised. - GCS board elects officers as follows: Walter Bierwagen, president (reelected); William C. Arntz, vice-president; George Davidsen, secretary; Calman Winegarden, treasurer.

PHA denies responsibility for deletion of kindergarten from budget. - Greenbelt Community Band performs at opening of Langley theater. Two Branchville teen-agers steal \$50 from safe in principal's office at Greenbelt Junior High School. At GVHC membership meeting 500 residents present, only 223 members with right to vote. Resolution adopted that all 800 of members, required to show intention of



Francis J. Lawrence, Jr., of 7-B Laurel Hill Road, signs the application for the policy that brings Anthony M. Madden into the exclusive circle of writers of over \$1,000,000 in life insurance coverage. Mr. Lawrence is a research assistant at the University of Maryland. Left to right: Mrs. Betty Anne Lawrence, daughter Susan, age 3½ months, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Madden, and James Daisey, the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies' district manager for Prince Georges County.

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more. To me there has been great satisfaction in seeing how often insurance policies which I have written have come to the aid of fellow Greenbelters in time of need."

A consequence of his method is that he has almost no policy lapses. In 1950, for example, of the \$1,038,400 which he wrote in life insurance coverage, there was \$1,000,400 still in force at the end of the year — compared with a national average of policy lapses of over 30 per cent.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Madden came to Greenbelt in 1938, with the original settlers of the community. He started writing Farm Bureau insurance in 1942. Madden lives at 2-A Gardenway, with his wife and five children. He has been a leader in many community activities during his residence here.

buying homes by April 30, must be residents.

Greenbelt Lake drained for cleaning and restocking on initiative of Izaak Walton League.

### APRIL

Golf course may be built in Greenbelt within 2 years.

GCS board decides to close theater Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays on advice of Jack Fruchtman, manager.

New trees planted along Southway and dedicated to Scouts. - Second annual Greenbelt invitational basketball tourney won by Colmar Manor American Legion team.

GVHC membership meeting reduces quota for purchase contract with PHA from 800 to 533.

Petition circulated by Councilman Steve Comings, acting privately, in opposition to sale of Greenbelt to GVHC has 561 signatures. GVHC president Mike Salzman says sale will go through in some form because of Congressional legislation. - PHA gives another 30-day extension for qualification of GVHC as purchaser.

### MAY

City council conducts referendum by mail to determine what plan for sale or non-sale of Greenbelt is preferred by citizens. Councilman Steve Comings says he will resign if majority of residents prefer GVHC plan.

Referendum shows 658 of 1071 respondents prefer to continue renting, even at higher rents, from PHA or any possible owner.

Special GVHC meeting petitioned by Steve Comings and others for purpose of reinstating resolutions hampering consummation of sale, declared illegal by Counsel Abe Chasanow after some members assembled on less than 10-day notice.

Kindergarten continued on cooperative basis with parents paying tuition. - Harry Zubkoff resigns as editor of the Cooperator, having become GCS board member and his leave of absence as editor having expired. Janice Solet elected editor by board of Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association.

### JUNE

GCS membership now 3365, or 200 more than on January 1.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fugitt honored on leaving Center School after nine years as principal.

GVHC decides to omit apartments in Old Greenbelt from its bid to purchase housing. - GCS asks GVHC to bid for part of the commercial property on its behalf.

City announces bus line has operated for one year in the black under its management, after others failed.

## Taylor-Grego

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips M. Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Joanne, to Joseph James Grego, Jr., son of Joseph J. Grego of Scranton, Pa. The wedding will take place in January.

Susan MacKenzie, 10-S Plateau Place, wins \$1000 for essay in contest conducted by commercial baker.

Special GCS membership meeting called by auditing committee approves board recommendation not to bid for purchase of commercial real estate, and audit committee that election of Eleanor Ritchie to fill board vacancy be reconsidered.

GVHC asks additional extension of time for actual purchase of project.

Robert Jones replaces Edward Birner as vicar of Lutheran Church.

### JULY

Big Fourth of July celebration sponsored by Boys' Club. Fireworks at the Lake. Midnight swim. Music.

Lutheran congregation moves into new building.

GVHC board terminates memberships of those who refuse to buy a Greenbelt housing unit; admits non-residents to membership.

Mildred Kern and Ruth Morgan, Greenbelt matrons, win high scores in Maryland Rifle League.

Eleanor Ritchie resigns from GCS board in interest of harmony.

League of Women Voters works for county home rule.

### AUGUST

Greenbelt Boys' Club midget team wins right to represent Washington area at Baseball for Boys tournament, York, Pa.

Cooperative Nursery prepares to start 11th year in Greenbelt. - GCS board elects Frank Lewis of Takoma Park to fill controversial interim vacancy.

### SEPTEMBER

Walton League sponsors fishing contest at Lake. - Frances G. Stouffer retires after 12 years as public health nurse.

GVHC signs contract with PHA and plans to take over ownership of Greenbelt housing project (minus apartments and commercial property) on January 1, 1953.

Drop-Inn, redecorated by volunteer members, reopens for social season.

Community Church decides to erect educational building.

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## Notice to all Residents

Effective January 1, 1953, GVHC will own all residences with the exception of the old Greenbelt apartments. Monthly payments will be equivalent to the recent PHA registration notices less the cost of utilities but will include an additional cost for water for the month of January as follows:

### DEFENSE HOMES

1 bedroom apartments	\$1
2 bedroom apartments	\$2
2½ bedroom apartments	\$3

### ORIGINAL HOMES

1 bedroom cottage	\$1
1½ & 2 bedroom houses	\$2
2 bedroom stdr house	\$2
2½ & 3 bedroom houses	\$3

Payments will be received by the GVHC cashiers in the PHA offices at the center between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Monday through Friday or may be mailed to the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation, Post Office Box 85, Greenbelt, Md.

All payments for defense homes including water and electricity will not be due until January 15, 1953. Payments for old Greenbelt as indicated above will be due January 2 except that electric will be payable to PEPCO as billed by them from metered use on an individual basis.

New temporary office hours - Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. & Sun, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. There will be no evening hours.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Hillside and Crescent Roads

Eric T. Braund, Minister

Sunday, Jan. 4 - Church School 9, 10, and 11 a.m. - Nursery through Adult. Morning Worship 9 and 11 a.m. Sermon by Mr. Braund, "Preparation for 1953."

Monday, Jan. 5 - 8 p.m. Board of Trustees.

Tuesday, Jan. 6 - 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Guild, social hall.

Sunday, Jan. 11 - 8 p.m. Chancel Choir and Soloists of Community Church present Handel's MESSIAH.

## MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Strausburg, Pastor

Session of the Sunday School. 9:30 a.m. Richard Hoffman, superintendent. Classes for all. Worship service, 11 a.m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be administered by the pastor. Admission of membership by letter or confession of faith. Nursery provided for children during the worship hour.

All Sunday services held at the North End elementary school, Ridge Road.

January 2, 1953 - Choir rehearsals at the Chapel, Woodlandway Junior Choir, 7 p.m. Senior Choir, 8 p.m.

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 2: First Friday of the Month. Mass at 7 a.m. Holy Communion also distributed before the Mass at 6:45 a.m.

Saturday: Confessions in the afternoon from 3 to 5:30 p.m. for children and in the evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for adults.

Sunday: Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery care for preschool children during the 11 a.m. Mass. Religious instruction classes for children attending public schools, both grade and high, will resume this Sunday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. This is Holy Communion Sunday for Members of the Senior Scoldality at the 7:30 a.m. Mass and for Junior Members at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Baptisms: Sunday, 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to have a baby baptized should notify Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Monday, January 5: Children of St. Hugh's Catholic School will return to classes at 9 a.m.

Wednesday: Novena services followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m.

## HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. H. Waldman

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## Kosisky Serves At Korean Front

**KOREA - DEC. 2** — PFC Richard J. Kosisky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kosisky, 2-E Laurel Hill Road, Greenbelt, Md., is serving in Korea with the 45th Infantry Division.

Originally an Oklahoma National Guard unit, the division is now filled with men from all parts of the United States. It arrived in Korea last December and captured "T-Bone" hill in June's see-saw hill battles.

Private First Class Kosisky is assigned to photography with the 45th Signal Company. He entered the Army in April 1951 and arrived in Korea last May. He has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, Korean and United Nations Service Ribbon.

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coal miners and to help them maintain a decent standard of living although their cash income was very low.

The tenants raised much of their own food, Campbell said, and operate a poultry business as a producers cooperative. The community also had a consumers cooperative set up for the residents similar to Greenbelt's, consisting of a general store, a dairy lunch, and a beauty shop.

Campbell expressed himself as "astonished" at the volume of knowledge the GVHC board members have acquired on the operation of the community and all the phases of closing the sale as well as at the hours of work involved.

Campbell is a spare, fair complexioned man of medium height and his wife is a petite brunette. They spoke of their family, all grown, and two grandchildren, for although Campbell is only 44 he and Mrs. Campbell were married upon graduation from high school. By special permission of the dean they were able to attend Westminster College, living in an apartment near the campus.

The children are a daughter Nancy, the mother of two children, their older son Kim, just graduated from Officers' Candidate School at Quantico, and their second son, Robert, who is a junior at the University of Pittsburgh. Both sons are engaged, and Kim is to be married in June.

The Campbells have not chosen their house in Greenbelt, but will wait until Mrs. Campbell comes here in April.

### CHALLENGE GAME

Last week's *Cooperator* carried a letter from the Boys Club Senior basketball team challenging the Lions-Coop team to a game. The *Cooperator* also carried the answer, and acceptance of the challenge. Preliminary details have been worked out, and the game is tentatively scheduled for January 27 at the Community building gym. Beginning in our next issue, the *Cooperator* will carry details about the teams, the games, and interview with the co-captains of each team. Watch your *Cooperator* for the latest news about the "Challenge Game."

## PTA Council Studies Teachers' Pay Report

Representatives of local PTA groups in Prince Georges County met with Superintendent of Schools William S. Schmidt in Hyattsville December 29 to discuss the Green Commission Report recommendations for teachers' pay raises in Maryland. The group moved to commend the report to the local PTAs, and ask them to suggest that the Legislature give further study to giving increments to teachers with more than eleven years of service. A second motion recommends the support of the Library Bill to come before the Legislature, which calls for a 40 cent per capita grant by the State for libraries (present grant is four cents per capita).

The Green Report, to be introduced as a pay raise bill after Legislature convenes January 7th, is the one to which Governor McKeldin has promised his support. The report recommends, by 1955-56, a minimum salary of \$2,800, up to a maximum of \$4,600, with increments up to \$300 in one year. The State will guarantee these minimums and pay the County the difference. Prince Georges County gets most equalization fund benefits starting 1955-56, when the State grants it an additional sum of approximately \$739.00.

Mr. Thomas Warthen, president of the County Teachers Association, and Mrs. Mary Hadley, also spoke. There was much discussion, and the consensus was that no attempt should be made to override the Governor's veto of Senate Bill No. 48, that we should support the Green report as a compromise step in the right direction, having the value of equalizing salaries throughout the state.

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Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation representatives have been consulting with PEPCO officials last week in regard to placing meters, it was disclosed by Roy K. Davis, GVHC board member attending the meeting. However, Davis said, "we have been working in the dark" in regard to the sale of the utility.

He urged the council's cooperation in requesting the lower urban rate from PEPCO, if they get the utility. He reminded the council that acquiring the utility by dedication was still possible, and should be investigated through further negotiations along with the possibility of purchase.

Councilman Thomas Canning proposed that area representatives in Congress be called personally on the phone by the manager and mayor to inform them of the situation and to request pressure be brought on PHA to delay the sale until further negotiations can be started. This was approved by the council.

According to one informed source, the sale of the electric utility to PEPCO is a result of a compounding of errors in the disposal of the "green towns" by Public Housing Administration. Electric power facilities in the two other cities (Greenhills, Ohio, and Greendale, Wisconsin) were sold to private power companies. To do otherwise in Greenbelt would open up for question propriety of the sale in the other cities.

In Greenhills, according to this source, the power lines are underground. The streets were dedicated to the city. A few months later, when the utility was sold, they discovered the lines were under the streets and were not legally the property of the federal government any more. Negotiations were begun by the government to regain control of the lines; the city gained several community facilities by dedication in return.

In Greenbelt, the matter may have been anticipated somewhat, as the local community building is being dedicated to the municipality.

The franchise deal, according to another informed source in Greenbelt, may work out this way: the fee will cover the cost of electricity to the city for municipal purposes. Many municipalities accept agreements this way, or trade franchises for free electricity.

December 31, 1952

GREENBELT COOPERATOR

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### Intermediate Basketball

An intermediate basketball team will be formed this season by the Greenbelt Boys Club. Eligible for this team are all boys 14 years old and under.

Practice sessions will begin Wednesday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Center School gymnasium.

### METERS from page 1

He stated that Pepco would cooperate and has cooperated with the city and various civic and religious groups in supplying power cheaply and conveniently. Probably the suburban rate (higher) would be used in Greenbelt, he said.

When questioned as to whether individual residents can protest the installation of a meter, he quickly asked for the questioner's address and assured him that no meter would be installed.

"Would there be a charge for installation at a later date?" he was asked.

"No."

"How much would I be charged for electricity consumed during the absence of a meter?"

"The charge would be prorated after meter installation."

"Would I suffer any inconvenience?"

"No. Now what is your address?"

"Never mind, just install the meter anyway."

## Local Weather Station Records Ten Above Zero

A minimum temperature of 10 degrees above zero, coldest weather of the season, was recorded on Monday morning, December 29, at the Greenbelt weather station on Ridge between Northway and Plateau. This was 9 degrees lower than the official Weather Bureau minimums recorded at Washington National Airport at the same time. Such differences are typical of clear calm nights. On the other hand, Greenbelt was only 3 degrees colder than Washington on the preceding night, when a strong wind was blowing.

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## YEAR'S REVIEW from page 2

Co-op barbecue at Lake attracts large crowd from whole area.

### OCTOBER

Janice Solet resigns as editor of *Cooperator*. No volunteers come forward to take over this time-consuming job, and the paper has another crisis. Henry Walter, in a letter to the editor, raises the question whether the newspaper has proper responsibility to public opinion.

City prepares to take over parks, swimming pool, sewer system, disposal plant, and urges PHA to arrange transfer to it of electric distribution system.

GVHC employs brokerage firm to promote sale of remaining houses. - Recreation Department organizes block parties for Halloween.

### NOVEMBER

Greenbelt voters favor Stevenson over Eisenhower for President by small margin. - Walter Bierwagen returns from trip on Truman campaign train as representative of A. F. of L.

GVHC begins search for general manager to take over January 1.

Mrs. Solet replies to criticisms of Henry Walter, defending moral integrity of *Cooperator*. Newspaper staff arranges interim rotation of editorship. *Cooperator* appears without any editor's name in masthead.

Steve Comings resigns from City Council effective about December 15 when he moves to University Park. - Ordinance banning dogs drawn up for consideration but the City Council finds dog ban questionable on legal grounds; leashing and muzzling requirement remains on books and PHA lease provision continues under GVHC.

Electric utility to be sold to PEPCO, it is learned from PHA. - Plan for development of vacant lands in Greenbelt adopted by GVHC board.

### DECEMBER

Greenbelt becomes GRanite 3 in telephone parlance.

A citizen writes to the (anonymous) editor some suggestions for making the *Cooperator* organization inherently more responsible to the three kinds of "consumers" of the newspaper — readers, advertisers, and staff workers.

*Cooperator* staff meeting nominates Ralph G. Miller editor, subject to election by new board which it also elected.

GVHC buys all 800 acres of undeveloped land with financing by People Development Co.; announces Paul M. Campbell of Pittsburgh as general manager.

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# Season's Greetings

By Harry M. Zubkoff

Once again the time approaches, 1953 encroaches, And in accents loud and strong we invite our friends along, To extend our New Year wishes to all flesh and fowl and fishes.

First to Mayor Lastner (Francis), increased wealth and circumstances;

But to Council we elected, next year may they be rejected.

—That is, all but one or two, the names of whom I leave to you.

Next to Salzman, first name Mike, another term if he would like, And to the GVHC board, no "gravy", but a rich reward.

To Ritchie, Bowman, Ed Burgoon, a silver flask with private room, To Webster, Bukzin, Bordenet, a turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

(An evening home where they can chat to Florence S. and husband Nat.)

To Greenbelt's co-op GCS, a bigger margin, more success;

To Takoma, expectation of (some day) emancipation.

For the board and its directors, quorums of the corp's. electors.

For the Auditing Committee, lots of sympathy and pity.

(May they never run again; if they do, no votes for them.)

To Algaze, Andros, Asher (Perry), Attick (Buddy), Braund E. (Terry),

Baxter, Beck and Crosby (Gary), a happy year, a Christmas merry.

To ole Pop Bell and Bibler (Rhonda), Dr. Bloomberg, Mr. Fonda, Brautigam (Henry), Bonham, Brey, cheers and chuckles every day.

(But for ex-Greenbelter Comings, may his brand-new house lack plumbings.)

To Canning, Cockill, Cox and Cook, a chance to read a brand-new book;

To Mary Jane Kinzer and Edward Kaighn, lots of sunshine, little rain.

Davenport, Domchick, Donoghue (Ora), Father Dowgiallo, a girl named Laura,

Dr. Eisner and Eshbaugh (G.), Joe Fitzmaurice and Freeman (T.), Fruchtmann (Jack) and Fundom (L.), may they all be happy and well.

(For Officer Green and Herman (Ben), I'll pour the drinks — you whisper when.)

To L. A. Lee and the Boys Club Treas., to Lindeman (Bob), the Lions Club Pres.,

To Loftus (Mike) and Adelbert Long, we lift our voice in happy song.

McDonald, McCamy, McCord and McGuire; McCarl, McNally, McGee, McIntyre,

A head on your beer and a fringe on your surrey;

(A drink for the askin' to John Patrick Murray.)

The best New Year wishes for Moody the Doc; may he find lots of babies in his Christmas sock.

May the Mowatt Memorial Methodist gang have a Quinn in the chorus that sings to Auld Lang.

To Rabbi Waldman and J.C.C., a building that's finished in '53.

For Nuzzo (Al) and Parker (I.), Lydalu Palmer and Pearson (Si), Provost, Powell, Perelzweig (B.), the chief of police, Panagoulis (G.),

Ratzkin, Riley, Reuben, Reeves; Romer, Rogers, Ryerse, Jeeves,

May you all bend an elbow and leg at the bar,

(But nothing for you, Mr. Benjamin R.)

To Schwimer and Shaughness and Shiren and Shea, the Slys and the beautiful Slaughter (young J.),

The Smiths and the Solets and Solomons, too, a bottle of wine and a bucket of brew.

(A very merry blessed Yule to the Sisters at St. Hugh's Catholic School.)

(And some extra special Christmas cheer to Reverend Strausburg; glad he's here.)

Earl Thomas, Tompkins (T.), Truman (H.) and Trattler (B.), To C. Van Camp and Joseph Vella, Bob Volckhausen, Mirabella, Dr. Wodak, Wolfe (James N.) — Happy New Year, gentlemen.

(And while we're handing out the praise, our hat to Donnie Wolfe we raise.)

To those whose names we didn't mention: To skip you wasn't our intention,

So we wish before we leave, you-all a mellow New Year's Eve.

(To friend, acquaintance, enemy — a happy year in '53!)

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## FIRE from page 1

on fire. Walls and ceiling were blackened by the smoke and several windows were broken to allow the smoke to escape. The Christmas tree across the room was singed, but the red bicycle and rocking horse nearby were still shiny and bright.

Paul Reamy, volunteer fireman, was overcome by exhaustion and given first aid by the Greenbelt Rescue Squad. Reamy was taken home by ambulance but was soon up and about.

Fortunately for the Keys' family, there was fire insurance to cover the damage. They were planning to move in about a week, and with the help of Mrs. Keys' mother in Berwyn and neighbors at 48 Ridge the family will be cared for until their moving date.



By Dorothy McGee, phone 8083

It was an exceptionally bright "Christmas Day in the Morning" for Mrs. Bill Levsky who drove out to National Airport to greet her brother, Lieut. Howard Schorr, his wife and baby son from California. Lieut. Schorr arrived in San Francisco on the 24th from the Philippines, where he'd been stationed for a year and a half, and reached Washington Christmas morning for a holiday reunion with his sister, Nora and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schorr who arrived from New York City at Union Station around noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Guppy, 9-L Research Road have as house guests, her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Morgan and their son, Freddie of Ripley, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reeves and daughter, Edytha, of 1 Forestway motored down to Alabama for a two weeks' vacation.

A Christmas present for Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence O. Mott who live at the Research Center was a baby girl, their third daughter, born December 21.

Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer spent several days at Christmas with her sister in Roanoke, Va.

Seven-year old Patricia Holbrook came down from Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Boston to be at home for two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Patricia Holbrook of 6-T Ridge. Aunt Carol Day flew up to bring her home instead of mother, who has had pneumonia, and was not yet strong enough for the journey, but well enough, we are happy to learn, to enjoy a very merry Christmas with her small daughter.

His mother, Mrs. Adam H. Cormack of Buffalo, N. Y. and his sis-

## My Daze

"I DON'T HAVE MONEY, but I do have blood," is how a friend explained his willingness to share the latter with the Red Cross blood bank. Seventeen donations have earned him membership in the two-gallon club, yet he denies there's anything heroic in this record. He simply enjoys giving his pint of blood at regular intervals (which, incidentally, soon replenishes itself in the body) this pleasant, painless way. He marvels at the nurses' skill in "hitting the vein at the first try." I recall it was fashionable during the last war to donate blood. The need is surely as great today. There's much to do in '53 for an informed, participating, cooperative community. HAPPY NEW YEAR to all friends and neighbors!

—DAISY.

## NEW YEAR'S DANCE

All Greenbelt residents are invited to the annual New Year's Eve Dance at the Center School sponsored by the Youth Center. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m. and close at 1 a.m.

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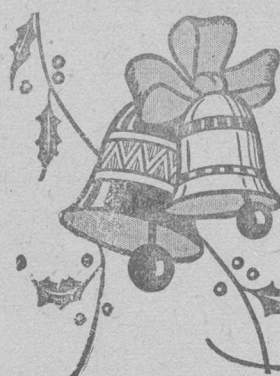
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